

FEMA stages trucks at DDCO for Isabel relief

Although Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, OH (DDCO) had no impact to operations from Hurricane Isabel, DDCO and their installation command, Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) became staging area for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) support equipment. About 12 truckloads of materiel were on station from September 17 until September 20. DDCO provided parking and 24-hour access to restrooms for driver teams.

The trucks were staged by FEMA for deployment to portions of the country threatened by Hurricane Isabel. The

trucks, staffed by two drivers and filled with emergency items such as generators, tents, cots, blankets and other items, arrived from Ft Worth, Texas.

DDCO provides distribution for the U.S. Armed Forces, other Federal agencies, and U.S. Security Assistance Programs. DDCO works closely with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service in support of the Humanitarian Assistance Programs that provide material assistance to schools, state agencies and homeless shelters.

FEMA Ships Temporary Housing from DDRV

By Scott Andrae

Trucks hauling temporary housing for victims of Hurricane Isabel began arriving Oct. 10 at Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, Virginia (DDRV).

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staged mobile homes and travel trailers at DDRV to be delivered to displaced residents in Virginia and Maryland rent free for as long as they need. After Hurricane Isabel struck, people were living in vehicles, in damaged homes or with family or friends, Glaze said. If a home in the disaster area is determined to be unsafe, FEMA first tries to arrange for rental housing. When that is not available, the temporary housing is provided at the resident's home site or leased space.

FEMA said that dispatching the homes from Richmond, rather than the previous location of Beckley, W.Va., sped the process of providing shelter, said Johnny Glaze, a FEMA disaster assistance employee.

Mobile homes began arriving Oct. 10 at Defense Distribution Depot Richmond Virginia for dispatch to disaster areas in Maryland and Virginia.



Johnny Glaze, a disaster assistance employee with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, checks a sofa in a mobile home stored at Defense Distribution Depot Richmond Virginia for delivery to hurricane victims.

The mobile homes have three bedrooms and one bathroom. Crews install furnishings and utility services.

"We're happy we could help," said Col Greg Flierl, USAF, Commander, DDRV, "it's important for federal agencies to work together seamlessly in contingencies like this and DDRV is glad to be of service."